
JOURNAL

OF THE

RHODE ISLAND INSTITUTE OF INSTRUCTION.

PROSPECTUS.

In pursuance of the object for which the Rhode-Island Institute of Instruction was established, "the improvement of public schools and other means of popular education in this State," arrangements have been made to publish during the winter of 1845-6, a Paper to be called the JOURNAL OF THE RHODE-ISLAND INSTITUTE OF INSTRUCTION.

The Editorial Department will be under the care of Henry Barnard, Commissioner of Public Schools.

The Business Department will be under the superintendence of Thomas C. Hartshorn, to whom all orders for the paper, and subscriptions for the same, should be addressed.

The first number of the Journal will be issued in November, and its publication will be continued thereafter on the 1st and 15th of each month, until the volume is completed by the publication of twelve numbers.

Each number will contain at least sixteen pages in an octavo form, and in addition, from time to time, an EXTRA will be published, containing official circulars, notices of school meetings and other educational movements; and one of a series of "*Educational Tracts*," prepared by the Commissioner of Public Schools.

The volume, including the Extras and Educational Tracts, will constitute at least three hundred pages.

The price will be *fifty cents* for a single copy; or three dollars for ten copies, sent in a single package, and at the same rate for any larger number sent in the same way.

The subscription must be paid on the reception of the first number.

JOHN KINGSBURY,
THOMAS C. HARTSHORN, } Committee.
NATHAN BISHOP,
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Providence, November 6, 1845.

EXTRA NUMBER 1, is issued in advance of the first number of the Journal, in order to give as early notice as possible of the proposed meetings of the Teachers' Institutes.

OFFICIAL.

CIRCULAR.

Arrangements having been made for holding a series of Teachers' Institutes, or temporary Normal Schools, in different parts of the State, during the months of November and December; every individual, male or female, who is, or who expects to be, engaged in the

business of teaching, and especially in the public schools this winter, is respectfully invited to attend during one or more of the sessions, which will be duly announced by the Committee of Arrangements for the places where the Institutes will meet.

The assistance of several distinguished teachers and practical educators, who have been connected with similar Institutes in other States, as instructors or lecturers, has been secured.

Among the subjects which will receive attention during the session of each Institute, the following may be enumerated :—

1. The elementary studies, or at least the difficult points in the elementary studies, which are or should be taught in every public school, will be reviewed under the instruction of a teacher well qualified to explain and illustrate the best methods of teaching the same to others.

2. The manifold uses of the blackboard and slate, in the work of elementary instruction, and especially with reference to the useful employment of young children, will be pointed out and illustrated.

3. Instruction in mental arithmetic, in working problems on the globe, in drawing maps and using outline maps, and in teaching composition, and in other exercises which should be introduced into every school, will be given.

4. The members will have an opportunity to state the results of their own experience, and such cases of doubt or difficulty as have actually occurred in the classification, instruction, and government of their schools, and to hear the views and suggestions of others on the same points.

5. The regular exercises of the day will be interspersed with familiar illustrations and discussions, on the classification and the means and modes of securing neatness, order, industry, and moral training in the school ; and the evenings will be generally occupied by public lectures and discussions on topics connected with the improvement of popular education.

Teachers will thus, in addition to the advantage of reviewing the studies they are to teach, and of witnessing to some extent the best methods of communicating instruction, obtain the matured views of practical men on many of the great topics of education, as presented in public lectures, discussions, recitations and conversation. The attainments of solitary reading will be quickened by the action of living mind. The acquisition of one will be tested by the experience and remarks of others. New advances in any direction by one teacher will become known to all others. Old and defective methods will be

held up, exposed, and corrected, while valuable hints will be followed out, and proved. The sympathies of a common pursuit, the interchange of ideas, the discussion of topics which concern their common improvement, the necessity which will be felt of extending their reading and inquiries, and of cultivating the power and habit of written and oral expression,—all these things will attach teachers to each other, and elevate their character and attainments as individuals, and the social position and pecuniary emolument of the profession.

School committees who have not yet employed their teachers for the winter, and teachers who have not yet found a school, can at these Institutes become mutually acquainted with each other.

Through the liberality of the friends of education, principally in the places where the Institutes will meet, the expense to each teacher, including board, tuition, the use of convenient rooms, apparatus and books, shall not exceed two dollars for a session. Each session will occupy six days at least.

It is desirable that all who propose to become members of any of the Institutes, should be present at the opening of the session, as the classes will then be formed, and an address appropriate to the occasion delivered.

HENRY BARNARD,

Commissioner of Public Schools.

Providence, Nov. 1, 1845.

NOTICES.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT NORTH SCITUATE.

A Teachers' Institute for the Counties of Providence and Kent will be held at North Scituate, commencing on Monday evening, November 17th; on which occasion Mr. Barnard, Commissioner of Public Schools, will deliver an Introductory Address, explanatory of the objects of the Institute, and of the course of instruction which will be pursued during the term.

Arrangements having been made to board the members of the Institute free of expense, all teachers who propose to be present, are requested to communicate their names as early as practicable to one of the Committee of Arrangements; viz. Rev. Hosea Quimby, Col. Burk, or Rev. Mr. Grosvenor.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT WOONSOCKET.

A Teachers' Institute for Providence County will be held at Woonsocket, commencing on Friday evening, November 21st, on which occasion Mr. Barnard, Commissioner of Public Schools, will deliver the Introductory Address.

All Teachers who propose to avail themselves of the advantages of

the Institute, are requested to communicate their names personally, or by letter, to the Rev. Mr. Boyden, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, who will assign them boarding places free of expense.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT NEWPORT.

The third of the series of Teachers' Institutes, appointed for this season, will commence at Newport, on Monday evening, Dec. 1st, and continue in session through the week.

The Introductory Address will be given on Monday evening.

The School Committee of Newport have voted to make all the necessary local arrangements for the meeting, and to provide for the board of all who may attend. Application can be made to William Gilpin, Secretary of the Committee.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT KINGSTON.

The fourth of the series of Teachers' Institutes will commence at Kingston, on Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, December 2d, and continue in session through the week.

The Introductory Address will be given on Tuesday evening.

Arrangements have been made to board the members free of expense.

Teachers wishing to join the Institute can make application to the Rev. Thomas Vernon.

PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER.

Public meetings, in continuation of the series commenced in September last, and which it is proposed to hold from time to time until every large neighborhood at least, and if possible, every school district in the State is reached, have been appointed as follows:

Monday, Nov. 3,	Tiverton,	Fall River,	at 6 1-2 P. M.
Tuesday, " 4,	"	Stone Bridge,	"
Wednesday, " 5,	"	Four Corners,	"
Thursday, " 6,	Little Compton,	Commons,	"
Friday, " 7,	"	Adamsville,	"
Monday, Nov. 10,	Hopkinton,	Sabbatarian meeting house,	"
Tuesday, " 11,	"	City,	at 1 P. M. & 6 P. M.
Wednesday, " 12,	"	New meeting house,	"
Thursday, " 13,	Richmond,	Brand's Iron Works,	"
Friday, Nov. 14,	Coventry,	Town House,	"
Friday Nov. 14,	Foster,	Town House,	at 6, P. M.
Monday " 17,	Scituate,	North Scituate,	at 6 1-2, P. M.
Friday, " 21,	Cumberland,	Woonsocket,	at 6 1-2, P. M.

The WASHINGTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS will meet in Hopkinton and Richmond on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of November, as above announced.

The KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS will meet at the *Town House* in Coventry, on Friday, November 14th, at one o'clock in the afternoon, and continue in session through the evening.

The RHODE-ISLAND INSTITUTE OF INSTRUCTION will meet at the *Town House* in Foster, *Hemlock Village*, on Friday evening, November 14th, at 6½ o'clock.